

GREEN PARTY CANDIDATE STATEMENTS ★ ★ ★

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California's budget crisis exists only because of tax cuts for the rich and corporations. Today the poorest Californians pay a tax rate 57% higher than millionaires. See CBP.org. People are becoming fed up with the needless war, unfair taxes, cutbacks, corruption, global warming, the decline of our schools, violations of civil liberties, the death penalty, three strikes, and weakening of women's rights. While our economy has more than doubled, the minimum wage has declined since 1968 from \$9.40 to \$6.75, and ninety percent of our people have had no rise in income in thirty years. The two corporate parties' answer is to beat up on immigrants and promote wars over oil. These issues are covered in detail in my new book, *California Under Corporate Rule*. African Americans and Latinos are increasingly voting for us. Just watch the internal debate and confusion among the Democrats. I believe our slogan, a Million Votes for Peace, is realistic. We are working to grow and transform our party into a party of the people of California. Join us, check out our web sites. Let's keep our party independent of the Democrats by voting for Greens committed to keeping the Green Party Green for our county council seats. See greenidea.org.

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California's electoral system needs a complete overhaul, not bandages! We must ensure our Legislature mirrors the political beliefs of all voters by using proportional representation; Eliminate spoiler candidates through Instant Runoff Voting; Provide equal public financing to qualified candidates, regardless of party; Demand that all votes are accurately counted and voting machines produce *voter verified paper ballots*; Allow election day registration; Encourage prisoners to become responsible citizens by allowing them to vote in state elections—I am a Financial Advisor with a Ph.D. from MIT in ecosystems analysis. Read more about my plan for electoral reform in the book, *California Under Corporate Rule*.

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As a Green, I never take donations from corporations, since they expect to be repaid with political favors. These costly payback contracts hurt Californians. As your elected State Controller, I will make sure the people of California know how their money is spent. When I report state finances to the people, I will give a full accounting even if it is not necessarily what Sacramento wants me to say. Together, we can return California to honest, effective leadership in the economy, environment, and education.

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As Treasurer, I will Balance the Scales of Economic Justice and Fight to end poverty in California. I will invest to Fund Schools and Fair Wages for Teachers, Protect Pensions from Corporate Thieves, Create New Jobs in New Industries, Expand Clean and Renewable Energy, Implement Universal Healthcare, and Support Community Development. I am an Investment Advisor specializing in Socially Responsible Investment.

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Most Californians prefer life imprisonment without parole to the death penalty. Most Californians oppose lengthy prison sentences for non-violent offenders. Most Californians agree that the War on Drugs has been a complete failure. Most Californians think that their police have better things to do than arrest the terminally ill for using medical marijuana. Most Californians don't believe they should be spied upon by their own government. *I agree with them.* We need to put the justice back in the justice system. We do this by enforcing laws humanely and challenging the laws and policies that deny the people of California their rights. We need an attorney general who defends the people of California as energetically as we prosecute the violent offender. I will be that kind of Attorney General. I ask for your support. Thank You.

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